Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK

Stewardship Video "Welcome Nancy Slezak"

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Eternal God is near when we call for help, near to all who cry out with sincere hearts. Such worshippers shall have their needs met, their cry is heard and God saves them.

Our mouths will sing your praise, O God!
Let all living things bless your name forever!

Let us worship God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

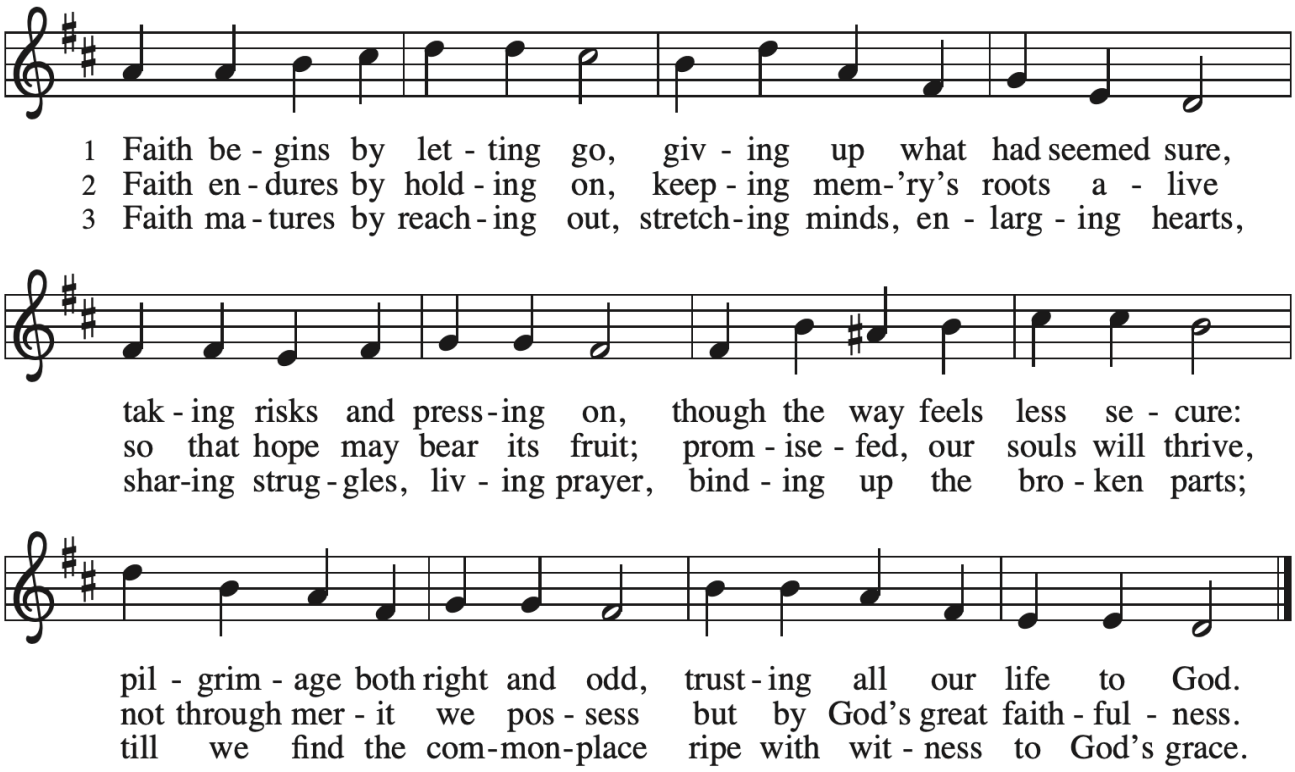
P: Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, ✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ACS 1004

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"


1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,
tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar-ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;
pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELW/ACS 940

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Music: COME, HOLY SPIRIT (IONA), Iona Community
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

A: A reading from Job.

23 "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
25 For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
27a whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

1 Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;**
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
3 Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
4 **I have not regarded what others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
5 My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
7 Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those
who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
8 **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
9 from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

A: A reading from Second Thessalonians.

[1] As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to
him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, [2] not to be quickly shaken in mind or
alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect
that the day of the Lord is already here. [3] Let no one deceive you in any way, for
that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is
revealed, the one destined for destruction. [4] He opposes and exalts himself
above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the
temple of God, declaring himself to be God. [5] Do you not remember that I told
you these things when I was still with you?

[13] But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters
beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. [14] For this
purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of
our Lord Jesus Christ. [15] So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast
to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our
letter.

[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us
and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, [17] comfort your
hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] 28 and
asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies
leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up
children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married a
woman and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and
so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In
the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had
married her."
34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in
marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in
the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
36 Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are
children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the
dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he
speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them
are alive."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

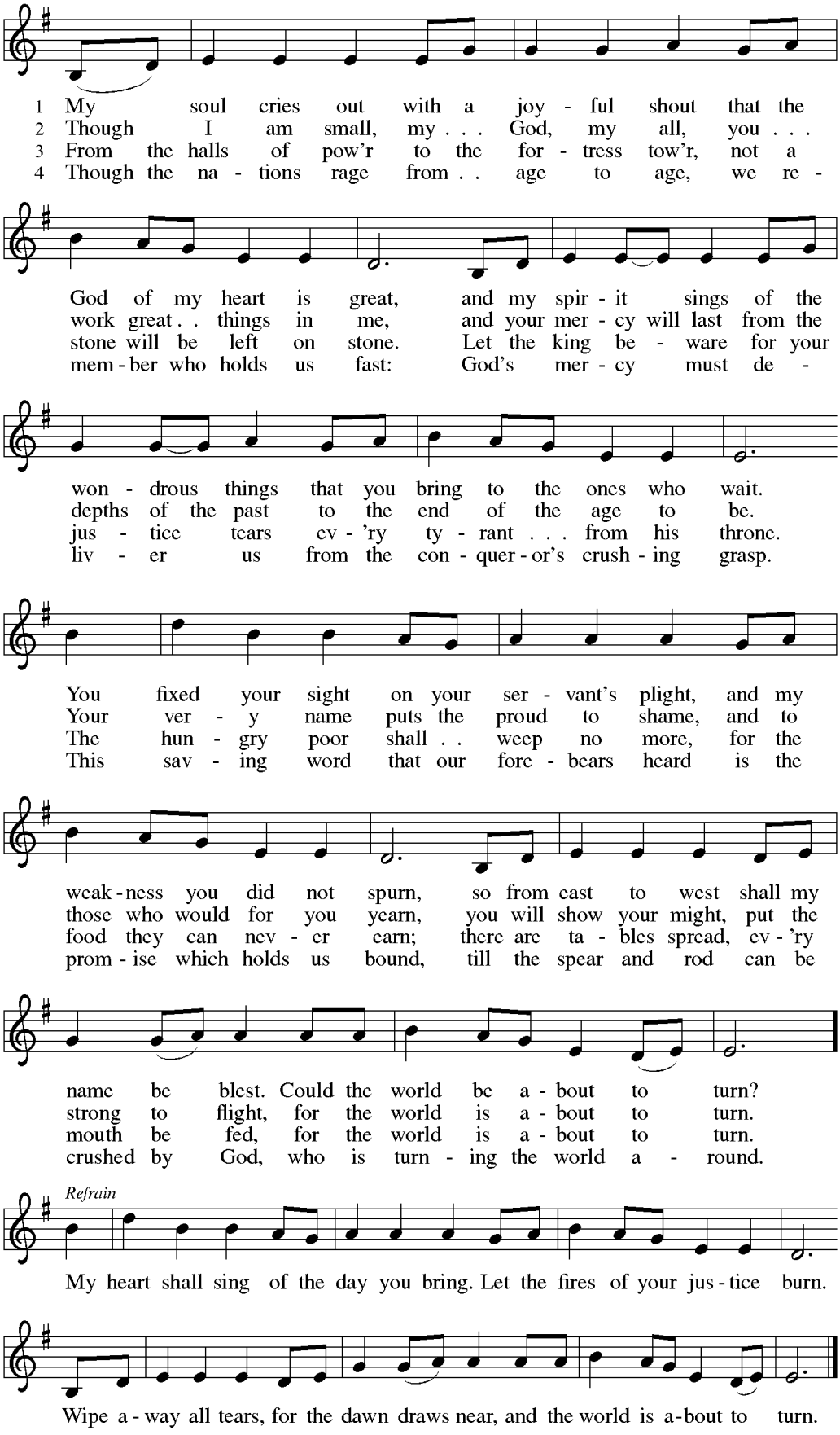
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 723

"Canticle of the Turning"


1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.
Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, Bob and Diane. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

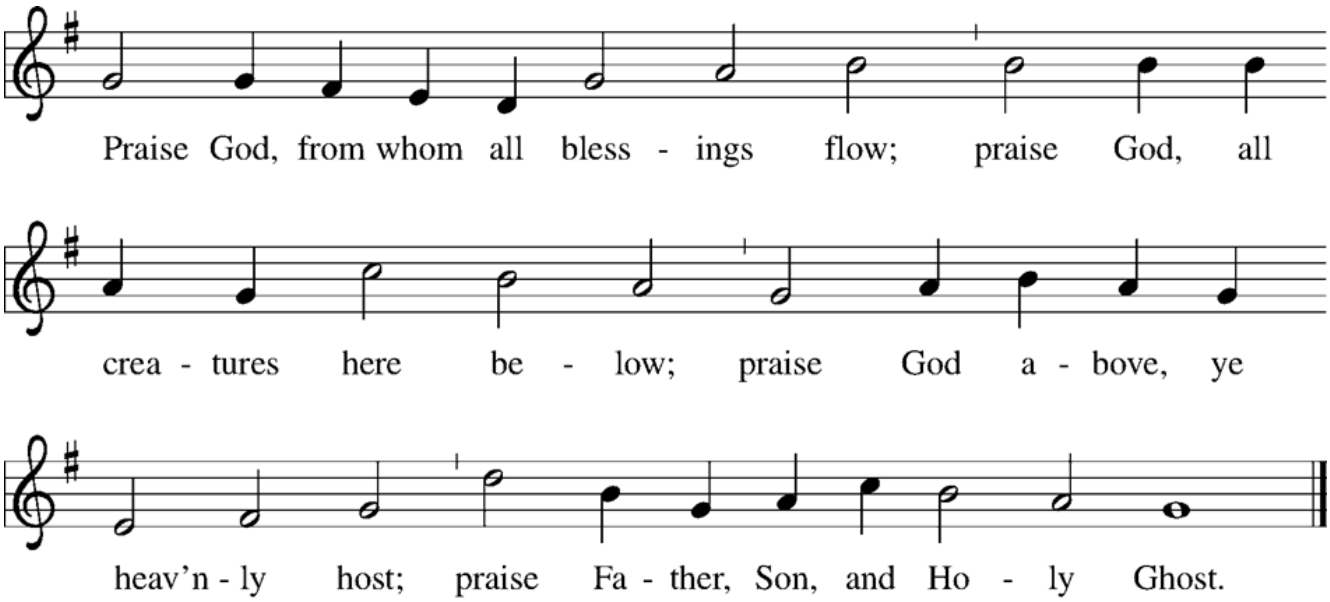
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

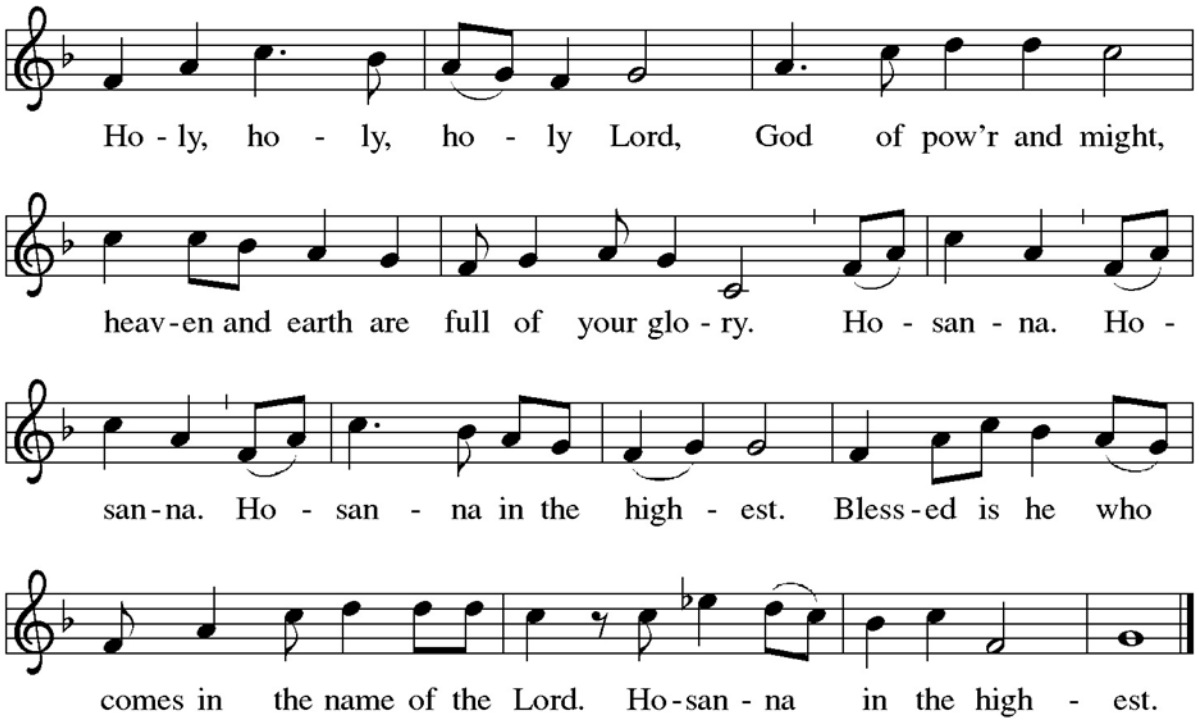
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

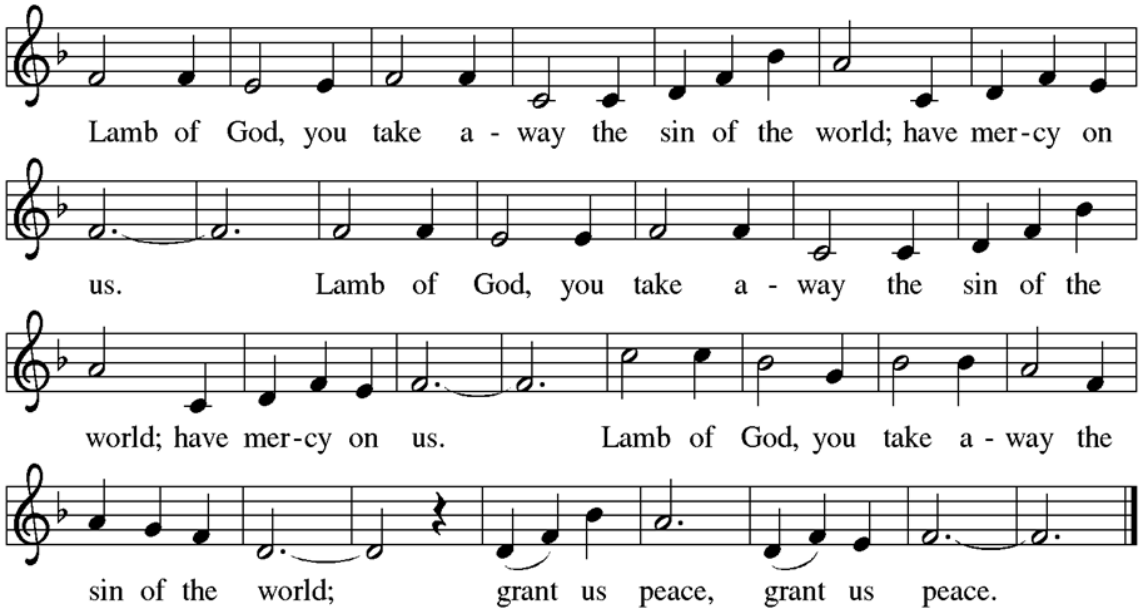
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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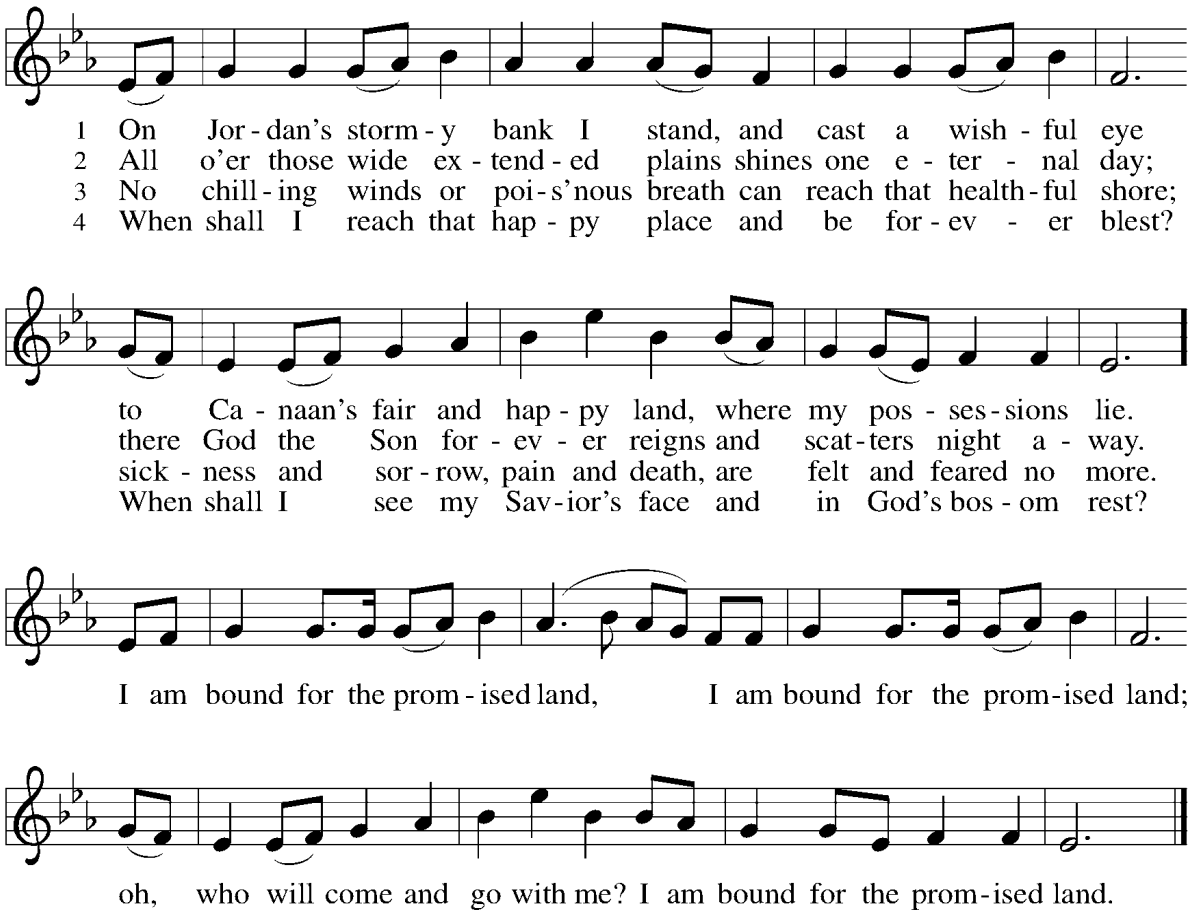
COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 437

"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"


1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day;
3 No chill - ing winds or poi - s'nous breath can reach that health - ful shore;
4 When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest?
to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.
there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.
sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?
I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;
oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

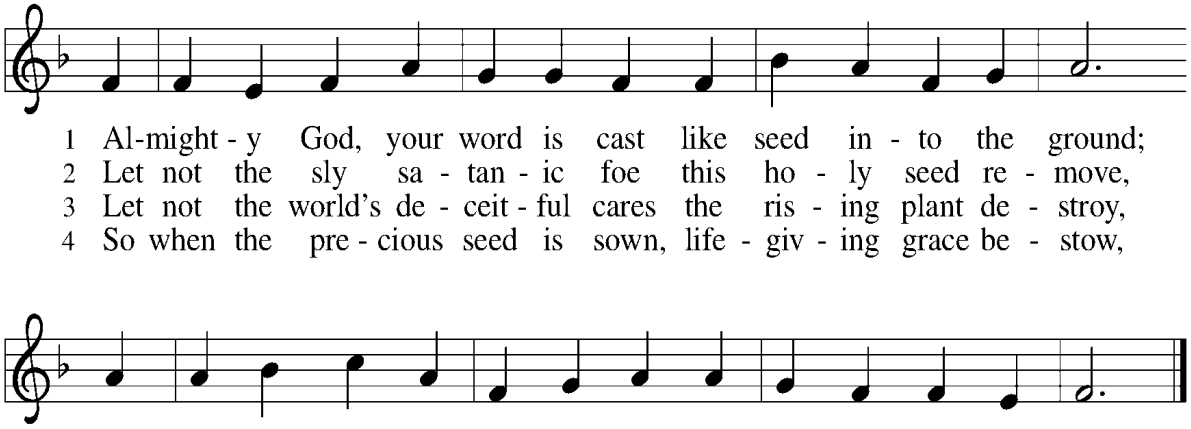
P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 516

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"


1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground; now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move, but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy, but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow, that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (October - December) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Thank you to all who donated Giving Tree laundry detergent to Washtenaw Refugee Welcome! Over 700 loads of laundry will be able to be done with all the pods donated! Thank you!

2026 Stewardship Drive – A Healthy Church Transforming Community

Emmanuel hopes to continue to sustain robust ministries and build our community outreach in 2026 and beyond. The 2026 Stewardship Drive starts Sunday, November 2nd and will conclude on Sunday, November 23rd. Our upcoming video series of "Meet a member" is as follows:

- November 2 – Meet Nancy J
- November 9 – Meet Nancy S
- November 16 – Meet Jake Z and Pam B
- Commitment Sunday, November 23 – Meet Dee F

You are invited to attend a celebratory coffee hour on Commitment Sunday, November 23rd to give thanks for all that God will do at Emmanuel in 2026.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and in your bulletin starting November 2nd. A digital pledge card is also available on Emmanuel's website under the Give -> Stewardship tab or scan the QR code on the Pledge Card. Paper copies will be sent to those who normally receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail.

If you have any questions, you can contact Eric Maes at emaes@provide.net or Pastor Joshua at pastorjoshuarinas@gmail.com.

BSA Troop 290 – 2025 Christmas Greens Sale

Last Sunday to order your beautiful wreaths and greens for the holidays! Order forms can be found in the Narthex or contact Eric Maes. Order forms and full payment are due to the Troop by Sunday November 9th. Thank you for supporting Troop 290!

Poinsettia Orders
Poinsettia order forms can be found in the Narthex; the cost of a Poinsettia is $8. Please complete the form and return it to the office by December 7th. You may put your order and payment in an envelope and mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate or Office mailbox. Thank you!

Get your Emmanuel Christmas Cards!
A pack of 5 for $5, available to purchase at the November and December Birthday Coffee hours. Proceeds to benefit the Blessing Bags project.

Blessing Bags
The Membership committee has purchased items to fill blessing bags for the winter season, if you would still like to donate, you can give an offering for them to purchase bus tokens. Thank you!

Clothes Closet Updates
Seeking a couple morning people, willing to help most Wednesday mornings for Clothes Closet. No experience necessary. Help restock the closet, check in attendees, take in donations. Wednesdays 8:30a to 10:30a. If interested, please contact Karen Facer at 734-323-7925 or leave a message with Jennifer in the church office.

An Expanded Clothes Closet Giveaway for Washtenaw Refugee Welcome will be on Saturday December 13, from 10a-noon. The Giving Tree is collecting winter gear, toys, household items, kitchen items now through December 7!

Sign up sheets are on the Gathering Area bulletin board, seeking volunteers to help with December 13 (9a-noon) as well as Wednesdays December 3 and 10 (8:30a-10:30a) for expanded community Clothes Closet.

Needed weekly for Food Pantry! Around 40 boxes each week.
Any box 12”x12”x12” or up to 16”x16”x16” (or any size in between) shoe boxes are too small and not sturdy enough. If you find any while shopping, or get any boxes in the mail, please bring them to the church the next Sunday you come.

Boxes are packed with a box of oatmeal, box of pasta, box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice and up to 14 cans of food. Please leave any boxes near the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the gathering area. Thank you!

Financial Progress Report –
Attendance Sunday 11/2/25: 60
This past week (Oct 27 – Nov 2) we received income of: $1,634
Approved Budget: $285,719 *Needed Weekly:* $5,495

For the month of October we had:

- *Income:** $21,105
- *Expenses:* $20,674
- *October Balance:* $ 431
  - *Positive October balance due to:*
    - Income exceeds expense.
    - Includes investments positive change in value as of 9-30-25

Jan 1st through October 31st, we had:

- *Income:* $266,846
- *Expenses:* $233,926
- *YTD Balance:* $32,920
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Investments positive change in value.
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes.
    - Many pledges have been paid in full the first half of the year.

Last year at October 31, 2024 our YTD balance was $ 7,941. Thank you for your support.
*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

The flowers on the altar today are given in Glory to God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, Bob and Diane.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
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